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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1, LINE 5 OMITTED)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, XF, IK, US

SUBJECT: IRAQI POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU BAGHDAD 1315 DESCRIBING DAVID MACK'S TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ARRANGED AT LATTER'S INITIATIVE. OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IRAQI POLICY TOWARDS MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT IN MORE EXPLICIT TERMS THAN WE HAVE YET HEARD. FOR FIRST TIME, AN IRAQI OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS OF IRAQIS TO ACCEPT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT PROVIDED A GENUINE SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE WERE A PART OF IT. MACK SUGGESTS--AND WE AGREE--THAT THIS MAY BE SIGNAL THAT IRAQIS ARE READY TO ENTER INTO CAUTIOUS DIALOGUE ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUE.

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2. WE ARE SURE YOU WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THIS INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT AT CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR MACK TO TAKE BACK TO BAGHDAD, IN ADDITION TO A BRIEFING ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, A SPECIFIC SUGGESTION THAT THE SECRETARY AND HAMADI MEET IN NEW YORK DURING THE UNGA. (FYI: HABIB HAD EARLIER

COMMENTED ON THIS QUESTION BY SUGGESTING THAT, IF THE TWO  
MEN COULD NOT BE IN NEW YORK AT THE SAME TIME, HE WOULD BE

READY TO FLY UP TO NEW YORK IN THE SECRETARY'S PLACE.  
HABIB DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF INVITING HAMADI FOR A  
CHAT IN WASHINGTON. END FYI). CHRISTOPHER

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